

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [5036] 50 States
Message-ID: <199611250226.CAA20412@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

I did this early Saturday morning but computer went down in the middle of getting ready to post. Wierd stuff.

And when I say early I mean early.

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OK Gang,

Good ideas. So Jim and Mike are in charge until they find a committee of help if they want to go that route or if they can do this individually that'll be even better. Committees waste too much time. So until they post for help they have autonomous say in what goes on. It's their ideas at work.

Jim, K3QIO, is in charge of the WASS (Worked All States Short) and Mike, K1MG, is in charge of the WASL (Worked All States Long) exercise. They either may give up the position at any time, since I 'volunteered' them for the job. :-) Squeaky wheel gets the grease syndrome.

Jim wants to get all 50 states in 50 days going. Great. Some ideas that might or might not work. 1. Do them in alphabetical order, 2. Don't tie it to any one band and let 'em pick the band they have the antenna and rigs for or need state(s) on, and 3. just pick the stations to be the ones to contact for each band if there are too many as will be the case for CA, TX, and some others. DE, RI, AK, ND, SD, and others you will have a shortage of volunteers and 4. only the state of the day/week can call CQ for the exchange to count/work. The volunteers pick the time slots and bands. Hey they do all the work.

Mike can do the same on a weekly basis. Mike has a more difficult decision to make as to whether to drag it out for 50 weeks (my personal choice) or do multi states per week. Mike I can tell you that you do not want more than one per week. The overhead will kill you.

You guys figure out how you want to do it and then post the rules and a call for volunteers. Be prepared. :-)
Don't anyone bother them with ideas just yet. Let them think about this and then make the decision(s). It is pressure I know.

Electronic logs from the 'station from the state' should count for something, maybe a QRP-L WAS certificate for more than 30 states. QSL exchanges required for ARRL, ARCI, and other WAS awards. Mike and Jim will call the shots on this one for a yearly piece of paper 97, 98... Economics is critical in this area that's why I picked 30 and they may want to go for just having all 50 to get it.

Now as a side note. Cam, N6GA, just posted the Dec 1 contest rules for the HomeBrew ARCI test. If you really want to get some states that you need, I strongly urge each and everyone to enter the contest and submit logs. (Cam doesn't want to see that, but let's set a record here ;-)) These contacts as well as contacts with other ARCI members do count towards the WAS. It may be easier as QRPers looking for QRPers as they have better ears and you also have QRM but it's just quieter.

If you took notes on all the postings for SS, both CW and SSB, all the guys racked up a significant state count. I was one away from WAS in a 24 hour period. You guys in WY need to enter next year. :-)

Now some purists will say that knowing when and where a state is on the bands isn't really fair. That's up to the individual. But some of us are taking years to get 'em all. I just hope that I live long enough to get the KL7 on 40 and 30m. :-) It's not easy and we don't want it too easy, that's what goals are for. It is really all about getting the job done and work and confirm all 50.

OK, this gonna be hard to believe but this is my only posting on this topic. It is now out of my hands and into Jim and Mike's. Thanks guys. Enjoy.

My eighty meter count from the house is still at 3. I must admit that my modified Windom just isn't doing the job on 80m. SLV on 80m might be the next option. I have the same noise level as most other people. Although the freeze coming will quieten down things a bit.

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Chuck Adams (K5FO CP-60) WAS 40m/30m/20m=49/49/50

EMPS QSOs=109 STATES(w/c)=34/2 DX=0

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996

From: wb2vuo@juno.com (William K Hibbert)

Subject: [5026] A 400-ft Off-Center Fed wire for 160 - 10 M

Message-ID: <19961124.183235.4687.1.wb2vuo@juno.com>

In conversation today, one of the locals mentioned running an Off-Center fed wire back in his youth (which could have been quite a while back)

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I don't have the room for this monster, but it sounds interesting. The wire was 400 feet long, fed 135 feet from one end with ladder line. The feedline was 1/2-wave on 80 Meters, or 133 feet long. This antenna was used on 160 M thru 10 M, and was "tuned" with a balanced tuner (Johnson 'Matchbox' was mentioned)

Looking at this on paper, it is about 1.5-waves on 80 M and 12-waves on 10 M. This should be a decent antler, and show some end-fire gain and bi-directional pattern.

It's a thought for Field Day as I can't fit one in my yard.

Who want to try one out, or model it??

72/73, Keith, WB2VUO, QRP-L #582, ARRL LM, TS (WNY Section), VP/BARK, Trustee, KB2YTW/B 10 Mtr Milliwattting Beacon (250 mW @ 28.2870 MHz)
"In the Depths of the Great Bergen Swamp...FN13ac"

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996

From: Dean Marzocca <n2tnn@ifu.net>

Subject: [5033] attenuator

Message-ID: <3298FDBF.4A36@ifu.net>

To all engineers:

I am in need of an attenuator to reduce the power output of my QRP+. I want to get out of this QRO (2 w) stuff and get down to some serious milliwatt work. The lowest power I can get is 90mW. I want to go lower.

Is it necessary to purchase one or is there a plan I can use to

construct one. I

would prefer to built it myself and get that homebrew feeling and education.

Please advise my options and any help will be appreciated as always.

72, Dean N2TNN

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996

From: Paul Erickson <paul1@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca>

Subject: [5042] CQ WW CW SO/QRP - VE7CFD (VE7CQK OPERATOR) (fwd)

Message-ID: <9611250426.AA16637@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca>

Great to hear that others had a great time this weekend also. I had to miss brunch with Rick and Derry to do it 8-(but it was fun. Looks like I worked at least one other member of the list also. Marc VE7CA, another local qrper ended up beating me by about 3000 points as he did a much better job of finding multipliers. He is also a great cw op... someday I hope to have some of his smoothness. Biggest thrills were working KH6 on 160 and BY4 on 20. Antennas sure make a big difference.... hmmm I have a 4 elemet cubical quad in storage.... just need a tower and a piece of property to put it up on.....

See you in the pileups.

cheers, Paul

VE7CQK

email: paul1@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca

CQ WW CW SUMMARY SHEET

Contest Dates : 23-Nov-96, 24-Nov-96

Callsign Used : VE7CFD

Operator : VE7CQK (PAUL ERICKSON)

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Category : SINGLE OPERATOR QRP

MAXIMUM POWER 5 WATTS

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Default Exchange : 599 03

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BAND	Raw QS0s	Valid QS0s	Points	Countries	Zones
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160CW      8      8      13      4      4
80CW       7      7      11      3      3
40CW     117     115     253     16     13
20CW     153     152     341     17     15
15CW     110     110     248     28     16
10CW       5      5      11      4      2
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Totals      400      397      877      72      53
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>   Final Score = 109625 points.
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
 From: SYDV00A@prodigy.com (MR FLOYD E SMITHBERG)
 Subject: [5040] CQ WW Contest
 Message-ID: <199611250308.WAA21958@mime4.prodigy.com>

Well looks like we had some good QRP representaion this weekend from the reports on QRP-L. Didn't plan on operating much so soon after the SS test, especially since my CMOSIII is still in the hospital, but hoped to pick up a few new countries and get some good speed practice. Got 3 for new total of 85 QRP...best was VK8AV in western Australia but also got a dozen EU, Japan, Guam, NZ etc. Heard VU, HL but couldn't raise them. Was more interested in learning computer logging and used an old version of LOG-EQF that I've been using for satellite but never for contesting....sure simpified the operation and the newer version Tom tells me is even better. Can't wait to get it. Really took the chore out of logging and reporting. When finished, just select "Print log" and it's done. It's not as fancy as CT but it sure did the job and is easy to use. I've heard others mentioned TR etc. that I expect are also good but I'm not acquainted with them.

Bands.....20 & 15 only

Op time.....11+hrs

QSOs.....49

Zones.....21

Countries.....30

Score.....7242 (If I calculated correctly)

With 3 contests in the last month, I'm hoping to finally start feeling more comfortable with cw. Like most things, the older you get the slower the reaction. :-(

Floyd NQ7X Phoenix ScQRPion

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Toshiyuki Ando <ando@oecj.co.jp>
Subject: [5043] CQ WW Contest
Message-ID: <32992317.793C@oecj.co.jp>

Hi,

I also worked several "kilowatt" W7 stations at only 1 watt with dipole during the WW contest.

They were 20 db over S-9 here in Tokyo.....

They seem to have very good "ears".....It was fun.

I tried many times at 0.5 watt but that was not successful.....
maybe too much QRM.....

72

JK1APL, Toshi

<http://free.websight.com/Ando>.

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: "T. PETTIBONE" <tpettibo@NMSU.Edu>
Subject: [5039] CQWW Effort
Message-ID: <Pine.A32.3.91.961124201352.46550A-100000@hector>

Wasn't going to get into the contest but just couldn't resist. Son and family arrived Saturday night from CA. Had Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast meeting, and Saturday night function. Still got in about 5 hours of effort. Results follow:

40M 4 Qs, 4 DXCC, 4 Zones
20M 4 Qs, 4 DXCC, 4 Zones
15M 29 Qs, 11 DXCC, 9 Zones
10M 4 Qs, 3 DXCC, 2 Zones

41 Qs, 22 DXCC, 19 Zones

Total points 4,305

Lots of fun - helped the code speed, and even worked 3 new ones!

Tim AB50U QRP-L # 73
Las Cruces, NM

QRP+ @ 5W to GAP Titan Vertical

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Jerry Parker <jparker@fix.net>
Subject: [5010] Dan's Small Parts Holiday Special
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19961124162325.006ef60c@fix.net>

Check out the Holiday Special on Dan's Small Parts Catalog on the Internet.

<http://www.fix.net/dans.html>

Enjoy,,,Jerry...WA6OWR...K

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Ron Giuntini <rong@slip.net>
Subject: [5038] For Sale
Message-ID: <E0vRrWS-0003yd-00@ferret.slip.net>

The following items are for sale from Dave Baker:

MFJ Signal Enhancer II (Dual tunable SSB/CW Filter) Model MFJ-752
Ham Key Paddle/Straight Key Combo (Ham Radio Center, Inc.)
Galaxy Electronics FP-550 Phone Patch
Curtis CMOS Keyer Model EK-430 AC/DC
SBE 200X Desk Mike (Linear Syatems) New in box with all materials, Never used.

All items are in very good or new condition.

Make offer. Will sell separately, prefers package deal.
Reply to David Baker directly, please.
His e-mail address is davidb5527@AOL.com
Ron

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Rick Zabrodski <zabrodsk@med.ucalgary.ca>
Subject: [5024] free food VE6GK meets VE6QK
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.95.961124160714.7257B-100000@ume>

Well, I got to see the latest prototype of the Eiphyte 2 and the planned upcoming version incorporating the KC2 display and improved "ergonomics".....all this personal attention, all for the price of some bacon and eggs!

Got a look at the fishing pole everybody is making into a vertical as well.
I tried to convince Derry that he needs to come to Dayton this year and that he needs to work on a 10 meter SSB Qrp rig NOW so that the thing will be ready to go in time for the sunspots in 2 or 3 years time!

Great visit, I am all energized to build something to keep my mind off the winter darkness and absent sunspots. The only difficult part was leaving above freezing (plus 4 deg C) to return to minus 20 deg C (around 0 F). Oh well, its a SUNNY, DRY cold! ;-)

Dr. Rick Zabrodski BSc, MD, CCFP(E) MRO *	VE6GK
Clinical Assistant Professor	* NorCal 519 ARCI 7650 GQRP 8329
Faculty of Medicine, Univ. of Calgary	* "Power is no substitute for skill"

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: "Bruce C. Williams" <n9jcv@wwa.com>
Subject: [5034] FS: SIERRA Price Reduced
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.95.961124200521.23033B-100000@shoga.wwa.com>

Ok let me try this again.

I have a Wilderness radio Sierra kit (un-assembled) for sale. No band modules are included. The band modules are available from Wilderness

radio. The radio sells for \$215 plus shipping. I will sell the Sierra for \$175 INCLUDING shipping to the 48.

Thank You Bruce N9JCV Norcal #359

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: "Kelly Ellison" <kelman@dialnet.net>
Subject: [5014] FS:HW-8 and Tuner
Message-ID: <199611241650.KAA18309@shell.dialnet.net>

I have a HW-8 rig and a MFJ-941 Tuner. I would like to get \$150 for the package.
Please Email me for more details. Thanks.

Kelly Ellison - WB0WQS
kelman@dialnet.net
Aurora, Missouri

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: NZ8J <timcook@erinet.com>
Subject: [5011] HM-9/MFJ-722 **SOLD**
Message-ID: <3298763E.6007@erinet.com>

Thanks to all who responded the items are sold
Tim
NZ8J

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Mike Duke <gmduke@oscar.teclink.net>
Subject: [5025] ICOM or KENWOOD lists?
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.95.961124171602.29122B-100000@oscar.teclink.net>

Is there a list of Icom or Kenwood users?

Mike Duke, WB5ADC, Jackson, MS

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Goemans <jgoemans@facstaff.wisc.edu>
Subject: [5022] Need a VN46AF !
Message-ID: <199611242204.QAA23679@audumla.students.wisc.edu>

Greetings QRP-Lers,

I need a VN46AF to replace a biffed PA. I think this is an old Motorola type number FET. Does anybody have a spare one, or will the VN67AB listed in Dan's Small Parts work ? This is the final PA in "2 watt" QRP transmitter, a Kantronics "Rockhound" to be exact.

72 Paul WA9PWP

Paul R Goemans WA9PWP
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QRP ARCI 7291 NorCal 1226 QRP-L 127 FISTS 2153

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: guardianone@mvitel.net
Subject: [5041] qrp-1 number
Message-ID: <32991432.3138@mvitel.net>

after joining qrp-1, how do you know what your number is?

tnx 73 chris kb5vyb

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: n4so@juno.com (CHARLES K BROWN)
Subject: [5008] QST Magazine
Message-ID: <19961124.100303.4407.29.n4so@juno.com>

For sale:

Does anyone need QST Magazine for November, 1996? New, never used.

\$5 plus shipping.

Ken Brown, N4SO
QTH Near Mobile, AL
QRP-L #622
n4so@juno.com

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: n4so@juno.com (CHARLES K BROWN)
Subject: [5006] QSTSEARC.ZIP
Message-ID: <19961124.072159.4407.24.n4so@juno.com>

YOU CAN SEARCH QST INDEXES FOR QRP RELATED ARTICLES-- FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN SELECT "HEATHKIT" AND 1977 AND IT WILL BRING EVERY ARTICLE IN THAT YEAR WITH HEATHKIT IN THE TITLE.

qstsearc.zip
Available on the ARRL computer BBS
1-(860) 594-0306

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This program allows you to search the yearly index files of QST for an index topic or a letter, word, phrase or any other definable string. The program contains read only files of 1977 thru 1992 QST indexes as well as a search execution program.

The search program is initiated by typing qstsearch. QSTSEARCH can be in any combination of lower or upper case. The program will provide prompts to lead you through the search sequence. The program can be aborted at any time by pressing CTRL/BREAK.

The output results of a search can be displayed on your screen, printed on your printer, or saved in a file with a name of your choice.

Topic Search

QST index topics can be selected from a Topic Menu. The program will search for and display all the items listed under the selected topic in the QST Index for the years selected.

String Search

The shorter that you can make the search string the better your chances for a successful search. The search string may be entered in capital or lower case letters. No punctuation is required, ie. don't would be entered as dont.

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: wmcshan@REX.RE.uokhsc.edu (Mike McShan)
Subject: [5005] Super Cmos Keyer III
Message-ID: <v01540b00aebdf9842be9@[157.142.8.154]>

Hi gang,

Does anyone have the address and/or phone number of the maker of the Super Cmos III keyer kit?

Thanks!

Mike N5JKY

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Steve Miller <kg7pv@teleport.com>
Subject: [5016] Ten Tec list ?
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19961124185025.00664d70@mail.teleport.com>

Hi, can someone give me the address to post messages to the Ten Tec list. I lost my info, or misfilled it or the dog ate it or something. Thanks.

Steve Miller (CN-85) Norcal #308 QRP-L #109 ARCI # 9230
Norcal 40A es Oak Hills Spirit II es dipole

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: wmcshan@REX.RE.uokhsc.edu (Mike McShan)
Subject: [5009] Thanks for Info
Message-ID: <v01540b00aeb25434fc0@[157.142.8.158]>

Thanks to all who sent the info about the Super Cmos III keyer kit! Now all I have to do is tell Santa ;)

72/73
Mike N5JKY

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: kd7s@psnw.com (Bill Jones)
Subject: [5004] The 40-9er as a Lean, Mean, DX-Machine
Message-ID: <199611241125.DAA03999@sierra.psnw.com>

Sorry, but I just couldn't help myself. I jumped right into the middle of the CQ WW DX Contest with my "Collins 40-9er" and worked JA1JKG, RA0FF, JH5FXP, 4V2A, RA0FA, JH7WKQ and JA1YDU from central California, all within about an hour. Power output was 750 mW to a roof-mounted Butternut HF6V-X vertical. While this probably "aint no big thing" to some, I can't help but wonder if I'm the first to work Japan, Asiatic Russia or Haiti with a 40-9er.

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Bill Jones - KD7S <><
Sanger, California
Reply to kd7s@psnw.com
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: JessQRP@aol.com
Subject: [5018] Trip to the Rockies es aint QRP somethin'?
Message-ID: <961124144942_353932143@emout09.mail.aol.com>

Hi all,

Back from the freat adventure in the Rockies. We stayed at the YMCA camp in Rocky Mountain National Park. Got up there later than I had planned, there was a car on fire in the canyon half way up and I had to wait until they got that cleared. No one hurt. Got up to the cabin after dark and the wind was blowing about 40 mph. I got the SLV up and decided to hang the 100 foot zepp fed with twin lead as backup. The cabin that we were in was at about 9500 feet and the hillside sloped away to the east at about 25 degrees. I got the zepp hung from the porch of the cabin as there were not trees around this one. Height of the dipole was onoy about 15 feet but it worked OK last year. I got the SLV set up, slapped the Autek RF-1 on it and tuned it for 40 meters. This SLV is the one that I modded with the tunable coil made from insulation and tinned wire. Got set up inside and tuned in 40 meters. Oh my God! what a mess. I had forgotten all about the CQ WW. The band was wall to wall CW. I listened for a while but was just to tired to fight all of that QRO crud. I looked out the window to get a reading on the wind, and the SLV was getting beat. I decided to pull it down and wait for the morning and 30 meters. Got up the next moring early (I never sleep late) and got the antenna set up again. Darned it the thing didn't tune 1:1 for 30 meters with

a impedance of 45 ohms! I guess the ground up there is more conductive than here. I got back inside by the nice warm fire, got the coffee and turned on 30 meters. Darned it the band was not hopping! I guess there were a lot of ops out there looking for a haven from the contest madness. I called and got answered, called and got answered. The SLV worked like a champ! Most of the QRO guys said "5watts and a fishing what?!?!" and worked a lot of QRP ops. Worked coast to coast but no DX. The zepp could not compare to the SLV for 30 meters. The SLV was louder and the signal reports were about 1-2 units better. Had a nice long rag chew with Larry, NF0Z, one of the CQC club locals. He was in Texas on vacation and running QRP as well. I think that I might have made a couple of converts out of some of the QRO guys. I just did not have the patience for the contest. I did get a couple of answers on 20 meters and 40 meters, but the band was just too busy for my quiet state of mind. 30 meters seemed to be the only place that people were who were not "testing". I tried 20, 40 meter novice, and 80 meters, but everybody was testing their radios.

I am real pleased and surprised with the performance of the SLV with the modded tunable coil. This was the first real field test of the new design. It worked well and held up well in winds up to 40 mph until I took it down. I would tune 20, 30 and 40 meters real well. On 40 meters where I had resonant ground radials, the SWR was 1:0 to 1 and impedance was 48 ohms. Seemed like it should play real well there. I called a Russian, a JA and a couple of Swedes and got answered on 40 meters. I did get a QRZed? from a GI4. Just was not in a contest mood. I have worked the CQWW and have enjoyed it, and I do like to contest, but was more in the mood for some casual QSO's and to test the antenna. Maybe next time I will pick a less testy weekend!

Best 72
Jess N0TFI

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: "Hidehiko Komachi" <ja9mat@nsknet.or.jp>
Subject: [5003] Update my homepage.
Message-ID: <199611240823.RAA23942@po.nsknet.or.jp>

Hi,fellows.
I've updated my QRP^Homepage today.
Added the Schematic of 30mTX and the TONE of CQWW Contest QSO.
Please enjoy!

*** Thanks! 73/72 & GL!,from:Hidehiko KOMACHI as JA9MAT ***
Member of JA-QRP#036,G-QRP#9128,Alaska-QRP#025,QRP/L #761
E-Mail; ja9mat@nsknet.or.jp
WWW Site; <http://www.nsknet.or.jp/~ja9mat/Index.htm>

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: ka7you@juno.com
Subject: [5027] WANTED-sCHEMATIC
Message-ID: <19961124.164628.5319.1.ka7you@juno.com>

I want to convert a Motorola Series 500 CB to 10M QRP. It is a model CB555 SSB Base station CB with a built in 12 Vdc power supply. The receiver works very good, but it won't transmit, and I'd like to get that part working before I attempt to convert it.

A manual would be great too, but any information on service or a schematic would be appreciated. I checked with the local CB guru here, and he said he couldn't find any info on this model. I don't know what or where he looked.

Thanks

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Rod KA7YOU CN97AK 160M through 1296MHz + 3456MHz NWQRP/#120 QRP-L/#844

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: "Ralph L. Irons" <rli8m@weyl.math.virginia.edu>
Subject: [5020] WM-20 Contact
Message-ID: <Pine.A32.3.93.961124152913.48124A-1000000@weyl.math.Virginia.EDU>

I picked up a WM-20 kit from Dave Benson at Dayton, and put it together (with the generous e-mail support of NN1G!) in time for field day with the Knightlites, but wound up operating 80m cw. I knew my antenna at home -- an 80m dipole up 10 feet -- would be a poor one for 20m ssb at 3 watts. So I pretty much resigned myself to waiting for Christmas vacation to put up a 20m antenna at a decent height and try out the WM-20.

I was puttering this morning, and decided to pop open the WM-20 to remind myself of what a nice little rig it is, and to adjust the mic gain while listening to myself yak in the rice box. Afterwards, I hooked up the miserable low dipole to listen awhile, and heard Karl, N1DL, operating the club station K5MI on Marco Island, just off the Florida coast. He was working a pile-up using a list. What a great idea! After all the loud guys got on the list, I couldn't resist dropping in my call. Karl copied me first time, and I was on the list! When my turn rolled around, he gave me a 5X6 report, and apparently had no trouble copying me. I just about fell out my chair!

Now I'm REALLY excited about putting up a decent 20m antenna over

Christmas break!

72, Ralph AA6UL/4
Charlottesville VA

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@ix.netcom.com>
Subject: [5031] Re: Callsigns & Licensing Events - What Happened When??
Message-ID: <3298F73C.4C59@ix.netcom.com>

Another useless data point:

My original call was w7uox. I gave it up due to move to CA in 1960. It was NEVER reissued (FCC-type said they didn't reissue calls back then) until I re3claimed it via Gate 1 in May. Then I used Gate to to lop off the U.

Phil W7OX

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: "William O. Reichert" <billnihh@apci.net>
Subject: [5029] RE: CQ WW contest
Message-ID: <199611250059.SAA17514@hilly.apci.net>

Hi, Gang,

Well for what its worth here is my effort in cqwwcw: 61 contacts as follows:

80 -- EA8EA, P40W

40 -- 5V7A, 6Y6A, 9A1A, CI2ZP, C02MA, EA6IB, EA7TH, F2YT, HA9BVK, HH2B,
PY0FF, TM7XX, V01MP, XE2L, YW1A, ZL2VS

20 -- 5V7A, 8R1K, 9Y4VU, CE3F, CI2ZP, CT8T, NP4Z, OI6YF, PJ8N, S58A, VA6JO,
VA7A, XE2L, X07A

15 -- 3E1DX, 4V2A, 5C8N, 6Y6A, CP6AA, D44BC, EA1FBU, EA2IA, EA3ALN, EA4ML,
EA5WU, EA6IB, EC3AIC, F6IPQ, FS5PL, G3TXF, HH2B, J6DX, L5V, LU6ETB,
NP3J, TI1C, VE7CFD, VE9DH, WH6R, XE1AVM, XK7SZ, ZM2K

10 -- 5C8N (only heard two other sigs on 10, J3, and LU, very weak)

Also got lots of QRZs, DIDIDUMDUMDIDIs and broken calls, but couldn't

complete contacts because of KW QRM, especially on 40

Operated about 9 hours. Had just put my Butternut HF6V back up Sat. morning, after using a tuner on my downspout/raingutter for awhile. The butternut works better. Rig IC-706 at 4.5 watts, 250 Hz cw filter, AH2 tuner on rain gutter. I live in an antenna restricted area, but decided it was better to ask forgiveness than permission.

Had a ball! Have not operated a DX contest in about 15 years, and this is the first time QRP.

73, Bill, N9HH

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: "A.Keith Williams" <ki4ja@bellsouth.net>
Subject: [5007] Re: CQ WW DX CQ version....qrp ops
Message-ID: <32989616.5F7A@bellsouth.net>

Joel Malman wrote:

> The problem seems to be that the 1KW boys don't want us with 'small' watts
> to have some fun.

I've surprised myself by snagging two JAs on 40 meters at 7:30am Atlanta time with 5 watts and a R7 vertical. I also got Andorra (C31), and a bunch of European stations. I agree with Joel. These guys are sending so fast and so often, they don't take time to listen. That is what makes it so hard for them to hear our QRP signals. But, I guess that's the nature of the contest beast.

73.....Keith/ki4ja

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
Subject: [5012] Re: CQ WW DX CQ version....qrp ops
Message-ID: <199611241639.JAA16956@dancris.com>

At 08:27 PM 11/23/96 -0500, you wrote:

>At 11:10 AM 11/23/96 -0700, you wrote:

>BTW, all of my QSOs have been in the caribbean and central America so far,
>but hope springs eternal!

>--

All mine have been in NA, except for a couple of Japanese stations..Up to 40 now, and still swimming upstream.

You're right, at 5 watts, just about everything is DX.

73,

Bob, KI7MN QRP-L #271, NorCal #1228, CQC #274, QRP ARCI #8918, not in any order of importance.

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996

From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>

Subject: [5013] Re: CQ WW DX CQ version....qrp ops

Message-ID: <199611241645.JAA17076@dancris.com>

At 07:11 PM 11/23/96 -0800, you wrote:

> Just thought I'd mention that you CAN work stations in your own country,
>but they count for ZERO qso points.. The big stations will work ya, but it
>doesn't do anyone any good as far as the contest score goes..
> But if you're just trying to see who you can work, it's at least ok to
>work 'em, no penalty, hi..
>

I don't really care about points...not going to win anything anyway, just looking for a way to improve my code speed and have some fun. With the headphones on, I can't hear the phone, the xyl or the cats/dogs...nice and quiet. As long as I write something down from time to time, and press a button now and then, I'm really doing well :^).

It is fun, though.

73,

Bob, KI7MN QRP-L #271, NorCal #1228, CQC #274, QRP ARCI #8918, not in any order of importance.

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996

From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>

Subject: [5021] RE: CQWWDX Contest CW version

Message-ID: <199611242113.0AA22478@dancris.com>

Well, it was fun. The xyl decided it was too nice a day to just sit inside, but I did manage 50 contacts, with 3 to Japan, 1 to Alaska (NL7G), a VP2 and

several Canadian stations. All in all, I am happy. It became much easier to copy as I went along, which was the point of the thing.

Now I am going to wade through the calls and callbooks to see what the rig did. Used the HW-9 to an inverted vee (G5RV).

73,

Bob, KI7MN QRP-L #271, NorCal #1228, CQC #274, QRP ARCI #8918, not in any order of importance.

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Joel Malman <malman@BBN.COM>
Subject: [5023] RE: CQWWDX Contest CW version
Message-ID: <199611242233.RAA95324@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Bob,

re: Well, it was fun. The xyl decided it was too nice a day to

I agree 100%. This was my first CQWWDX CW Contest and naturally I was QRP at 4.5 watts. I did not think I had a chance to score any DX, but boy was I wrong. I only worked the contest a few hours and worked 18 DX Q's. Mostly to Europe and South America -- what a blast. Some stations even came back to me after the first call!

But ... I have to say, that after over 30 years of hamming I got the biggest shot of ham adrenaline in my life today: I finally worked Galapagos Islands, HC8N -- on 15 meters, QRP, with a dipole. Anyone else catch him?

Ahhhh, QRP - gotta love it.

72,

/joel wa1qvm

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: rright@primenet.com (Roger Hightower)
Subject: [5028] RE: CQWWDX Contest CW version
Message-ID: <199611250012.RAA09427@primenet.com>

At 02:13 PM 11/24/96 -0700, Bob Hightower wrote:

>Well, it was fun. The xyl decided it was too nice a day to just sit inside,
>but I did manage 50 contacts, with 3 to Japan, 1 to Alaska (NL7G), a VP2 and
>several Canadian stations. All in all, I am happy. It became much easier to

>copy as I went along, which was the point of the thing.
>
>Now I am going to wade through the calls and callbooks to see what the rig
>did. Used the HW-9 to an inverted vee (G5RV).
>73,
>Bob, KI7MN QRP-L #271, NorCal #1228, CQC #274, QRP ARCI #8918, not in any
>order of importance.
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>
Great going! Now if you can just find a 20wpm exam soon, you'll be set.

72/73 de Roger N7KT (ex AA7QY)

NorCal 1099 CoQRP 176 QRP-L 62 G-QRP 9081 ARCI 8946 NE-QRP 383

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Bill Myers <bmyers@destin.nfds.net>
Subject: [5015] Re: Dan's Small Parts Holiday Special
Message-ID: <1.5.4.16.19961124105904.099f3dba@destin.nfds.net>

At 08:23 AM 11/24/96 -0800, Jerry Parker wrote:
>Check out the Holiday Special on Dan's Small Parts Catalog on the Internet.

Wouldn't you know it, I just sent in an order Wed or Thur....

Oh well.....

Besides, his regular prices aren't that bad...

*Standard Disclaimer: If I really knew what I was doing, I'd be doing
something else for a living!

72/73

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Bill Myers KK4KF FISTS#2390 QRP-L#755 ARRL ARCI#9282
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(Reptiles/Emergency Services/Amateur Radio)
CHECK OUT THE FISTS INTERNATIONAL CW CLUB U. S. HOMEPAGE

<http://n9nvv.qrp.com/~fists>
^^^^ That's N 9 N V V

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: k5zty@hamgate2.w5-f6cnb.ampr.org
Subject: [5030] re: Dans Small Parts es internet
Message-ID: <24648@sugarland.ampr.org>

How do I get Dan's special list if I don't do web pages??
Bill, K5ZTY

ARCI #8817 NORCAL #1321 CQC #178 MI #1472 NE #440 QRP-L #473
WITHOUT CW, IT'S JUST CB

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Michael D Wyman <Michael_D_Wyman@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Subject: [5035] Re: For Sale SIERRA KIT

Text item:

Bruce,

If you still have the sierra please let me know. I will take it.

Please respond to W1DRY@dancris.com

thanks es 72 de Mike W1DRY

I have a Sierra Kit for sale. This is a wilderness radio kit, brand new, never seen the light of day. I am selling because I already have a Sierra built. The kit is only the radio (no band modules). Band modules are available from wilderness radio. The sierra radio kit sells for \$215 plus shipping. I will sell for \$200 and pay shipping to the 48.

Perhaps the Sierra would make a fine gift under the XMAS tree.

Bruce N9JCV Norcal #359

Text item: External Message Header

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IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS SAVE THESE HEADERS.

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Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII
MIME-Version: 1.0
Subject: For Sale SIERRA KIT
From: "Bruce C. Williams" <n9jcv@wwa.com>
Precedence: bulk
Sender: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Reply-To: n9jcv@wwa.com
From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: "Phil, AC6LS" <ac6ls@amsat.org>
Subject: [5019] re: mini-dxpedition
Message-ID: <32989DB0.1804@amsat.org>

I want to thank those that have responded to my first announcement.

But I think that I need to clarify my position.

1. The trip to FIJI is a VACATION (Holiday)! If I'll be doing anything, it will be taking scuba lessons or relaxing.
2. I enjoy amateur radio, and would love to take my Kenwood 850, and all the goodies to match, but that would require too many resources. QRP gear will be no problem to haul around. (everything takes up less space than the 850, not to mention access to a reliable power supply)

and all you nay sayers to QRP, shame on you. The object is FUN, not a serious competition. Again, I refer you to number 1, above.

3. I havent operated outside the US, and I know that doing so requires some planing. Think about it, what do you need to know? There are many things, Licensing, Freq privileges, CUSTOMS(gov.),not to mention accomidations. (and- ??)

There are plenty of Experinced and/or Knowledgeable people here on QRP-L. Who else would know?

This is NOT something you can do overnight. That is why I sent my original message.

4. I work for a living, and my vacations must be determined, well, this month for next year. I just dont see their being enough time for a trip in early '97, so '98 it will be.
5. If anyone knows of a DX-pedition, and they need assistance/operators,

let me know!

thanks for the bw, 72 de Phil

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: "Bruce C. Williams" <n9jcv@wwa.com>
Subject: [5037] RE SIERRA FS
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.95.961124203505.29077A-100000@shoga.wwa.com>

Thanks for the interest. The sierra has been sold.

73 Bruce

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: wylde@nccn.net (Grover Cleveland, K7TP)
Subject: [5017] Re: The 40-9er as a Lean, Mean, DX-Machine
Message-ID: <v02130500aebe2972cb00@[205.139.74.177]>

Bill Jones spake thusly:

>Sorry, but I just couldn't help myself. I jumped right into the middle of
>the CQ WW DX Contest with my "Collins 40-9er" and worked JA1JKG, RA0FF,
>JH5FXP, 4V2A, RA0FA, JH7WKQ and JA1YDU from central California, all within
>about an hour. Power output was 750 mW to a roof-mounted Butternut HF6V-X
>vertical.

Bill -

Didn't they tell you that a bumblebee theoretically can't fly?

.073

Grover
K7TP

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sun Nov 24 23:12:16 1996
From: Bob Kellogg <ae4ic@nr.infi.net>
Subject: [5032] Re: The 40-9er as a Lean, Mean, DX-Machine

Message-ID: <199611250148.UAA17279@mh004.infi.net>

Hi Bill,

At 03:25 AM 11/24/96 -0800, you wrote:

>Sorry, but I just couldn't help myself. I jumped right into the middle of
>the CQ WW DX Contest with my "Collins 40-9er" and worked JA1JKG, RA0FF,
>JH5FXP, 4V2A, RA0FA, JH7WKQ and JA1YDU from central California, all within
>about an hour. Power output was 750 mW to a roof-mounted Butternut HF6V-X
>vertical. While this probably "aint no big thing" to some, I can't help
>but wonder if I'm the first to work Japan, Asiatic Russia or Haiti with a
>40-9er.

First or not, looks like a super job to me. Bet it was great fun, too! You
know, Bill, I heard a rumor that you have a linear under the hood of that
"Collins 40-9er" :-)

CUL,

Bob Kellogg, AE4IC

Probably, but not nececelery. - Benny Hill